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## HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

Unless he be a Chinaman, I suppose there is no one living in Hongkong to-day who can claim to have been a resident in this "isle of fragrant waters" ever since it became a possession of the British Crown sixty-three years ago. I think I am correct in saying that the oldest resident, both as regards age and length of residence, was Mr. Dorobee Nowrojee, who has left the Colony during the past week for Bombay. He was over eighty years of age, and had resided in Hongkong for fifty-two years. He started one of the first bakeries in the Colony, and has for many years held the contract for supplying the needs of the British fleet in these waters in that connection. But old residents will remember him chiefly by his connection with the Hotel business, and also as the founder of the Kowloon Ferry service. At one time Mr. Nowrojee was the lessee of the Hongkong Hotel, and later of the Peul's Hotel. He started the old Victoria Hotel at the corner of Pottin-gate Street, and when that building was pulled down, he opened the New Victoria Hotel. Later, on completion of Queen's Buildings, he acquired a lease of part of the block and opened the King Edward Hotel. Even this does not exhaust the list, for the Kowloon Hotel property also belongs to him. Until about a year ago, Mr. Nowrojee was keeping in fairly good health, but latterly he had been confined to his bed by the infirmities of old age. His departure from the Colony the past week was marked by many evidences of the respect and esteem generally entertained for him among the Parsee community, and the best wishes of a very large circle of friends of all nationalities go with him on his return to the land of his birth.

The great interest taken in the subject of public band performances in Hongkong may be judged by the anxiety of residents to express their views in the columns of the *Daily Press*. I have no desire, however, to join in the fierce contest between "Semibreve," "Gold Lace," and others, for fear I should receive some of the acrimonious letters which the Editor has decided not to give to the public. It is fairly evident that the civilian portion of our population *does* enjoy the military band and "wants more." There is to be a performance by the Foresters on the Parade Ground to-day; but undoubtedly the Gardens are a more popular venue. It is said that the authorities had good reason for discontinuing performances there in the past. Must we suffer for the sins of our predecessors? Last Tuesday's entertainment by the *Hansa*'s excellent band was marred by nothing unsightly.

It was rather unfortunate that the Gymkhana Club's first meeting should not have been favoured with propitious weather on Saturday. There was good sport, the fields were fairly large, and dividends at the pari-mutuel pretty satisfactory. The only thing lacking was clear, bright weather. There is no doubt the dull, lowering aspect of the sky kept many people away; indeed in the early part of the afternoon the rumour got abroad that the gymkhana had been postponed, and this must have affected the attendance. I trust the Club will have better luck next time.

I saw a paragraph on Saturday with regard to forthcoming publications by Hongkong authors. As it was not quite correct, I may state the real facts. There is a book of poetry (or verse—for I shall not try to forestall the verdict of posterity) by a Hongkong official, which should by this time have been issued by an Oxford publisher. There is also a prose translation of Cantonese love-songs by another junior official in the Government here. This has been advertised already, so that it is no breach of confidence to reveal that the author is Mr. Cecil Clementi, Assistant Registrar-General. The publisher of the latter is the Clarendon Press of Oxford.

The difficulties under which the Fire Brigade have to carry out their work owing to the want of water from the mains are made worse by a habit the Chinese have of opening all the taps in the neighbourhood whenever the water is turned into the mains, thereby reducing the pressure to a minimum so far as the hoses are concerned, and making the spread of the fire easy. This was very apparent at the fire in Bonham Strand West yesterday morning. It was about fifteen minutes before water could be got from the mains, and when it did come, instead of being at full pressure it was woefully weak. I suppose the taps in every Chinese house within the radius of a mile were running full force, filling every available vessel.

The new ordinance to provide for and regulate the employment of pilots will be a really very good thing for mariners visiting this port. The many vessels employed on coastwise trade do not require pilots, nor do a large number of less frequent visitors, but, on the other hand, master mariners coming to Hongkong for the first time like to have assistance in finding berths for their ships. The P. & O. and some companies employ their own pilots, but the majority of craft requiring outside guidance bargain with Chinese boatmen in the offing. Last week, for instance, the skipper of a steamer from Japan—he had never been to Hongkong before—was asked £5 by a Chinaman to bring his ship in. The Captain replied that he would stay outside altogether rather than pay such an exorbitant sum, and the Chinese boatman brought his price down to £3, which was agreed. On landing, the Captain was very disgusted to find that the usual price was twenty-five or thirty dollars Mex.

BANYAN.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## BAND PERFORMANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 23rd April.

Sir,—In the letters in your paper re free public band performances, no one has any consideration at all for the men. Grunting that the instruments do belong to the officers, and that Gold-lace, Red-tape, etc., did give permission for the bands to play, is it fair that the bandmen should have to work hard to entertain the public without any remuneration whatever? Why not make a charge of say 20 cents, to go towards instrumental depreciation funds and towards giving the bandmen some slight reward for their time and skill? This would also keep out the undesirable element. A bandman does not always appreciate the kindness of his officers in sending the band to free engagements by which he is actually out of pocket sometimes.—Yours, etc.

BANDSMAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Sir,—I have no desire to enter further into the arena of what you chose to designate as an acrimonious argument, although "Gold Lace" was certainly acrimonious and to a greater extent than the situation seemed to call for. On the other hand, if your correspondent "Miles" thinks he has persuaded anybody in this Colony into the belief that permission from officers for bands to play is really a kindness he is terribly mistaken. I prefer to think it is altogether otherwise, and remain unshaken in that opinion.—Yours,

SEMI-BEVE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 23rd April.

Sir,—"Semibreve" asserts that anyone with ordinary intelligence knows that a military band is maintained by gold-laced officers. There are many people in the world who are not aware of the fact, and I should be sorry to think that they are looking in ordinary intelligence. Until they learned the actual fact from someone familiar with military life, I should be inclined to say that ordinary intelligence would lead them to imagine the contrary. Indeed, from the tone of "Semibreve's" letter, I think the people of Hongkong would be far from wanting in ordinary intelligence if it led them for a moment to imagine that military bands were trained and maintained by no less a person than "Semibreve."

"Semibreve" further remarks:—"The men who comprise the strength of a military band are in the pay and service of the State, and not in those of the officers; hence, if it is a privilege that officers think they are conferring by allowing their bands to play, now the less is it a privilege that they are allowed by the State to enjoy the exclusive services of the men." His argument, so far as it can be ascertained, is that we civilians allow you officers to enjoy the exclusive use of your own soldiers, and in return for this tremendous kindness on our parts we insist that you officers shall give us as the use of the men (whom we handed over to you exclusively), and also of the instruments which you have presumably paid for." To put this more clearly for the benefit of "Semibreve," if "Semibreve" presents me with a horse for my exclusive use, and I should myself provide a carriage for the animal, he modestly expects to have absolute control over both the carriage and the horse. What he doubtless means, but fails to say, is that the State and the officers being joint contributors to the band, the one in men and the other in instruments, the band should be under their joint control. The proposal is not without some semblance of reason; only it overlooks the fact that the State has given to officers absolute control of the band. "Semibreve" may, if he likes, blame the State, of which he is a part, for doing so; but I fail to see how officers can be blamed by "Semibreve" for accepting a privilege. That being the case, I am sure that "Semibreve" in the light of the facts of which he has gradually gained possession, will, in the course of time, develop an uncomfortable feeling of gratitude to those officers who on their part are beginning to discover that they have been entertaining angels unaware.—Yours, etc.

GRIFFIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 22nd April.

Sir,—"Gold Lace's" parting shot—mentioning the contribution paid by this Colony towards the military defence of the Island and its dependencies as a mere "pittance"—is, to say the least, misleading. "Pittance," in the sense used by him, means "a very small amount of money." He should know that this payment constitutes not only a great but the greatest drain on the Colony's resources, it being estimated—this "pittance"—at \$1,345,227 for the current year.—Yours truly,

SAVEY?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 23rd April.

Sir,—"Semibreve's" attitude reminds me of "Punch's" coal-heaver who, wishing to inspect a little ship out of visiting hours, and being refused permission to do so, requested the Quartermaster to inform the Captain of the ship that he (the coal-heaver) was "one of the howlers." I am fully aware that the argument I produced was based on very elementary facts, but I did so as I did not gather from "Semibreve's" letter that I was dealing with anyone of "ordinary intelligence."

"Semibreve" is welcome to the services of the State-provided Bandsman (minus, of course, their instruments, which being private property he

has not a shadow of a claim to the use of), and unless he provides his own private piano as already suggested by me we would have the amusing sight of "Semibreve" and his "languid and weary fellow tax-payers" enjoying a sort of game of dumb charades provided by the pantomime gestures of the musicless musicians to whose services he lays claim.—Yours, etc.

GOLD LACE.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.T. TOURNAMENT.

The position up to date is:—

DOUBLES HANDICAP.

Second Round:—Boggan and King scratched to Pinckney and Grist; G. H. Potts and E. Deacon beat Pye and Bell; Beattie and Manning beat Gittins and Dixon; Wood and Gale scratched to R. and H. Hancock; Martin and Strickland beat Orme and Fletcher; Gray and Dartnell beat Thorne and Lawson; Atkinson and Smith beat Halifax and Newland; Beavis and Rouse beat H. A. Seth and H. M. Bain; Murphy and Boyd beat Sayer and S. A. Seth.

Third Round:—Martin and Strickland beat Gray and Dartnell, 6—0, 6—3.

SINGLES HANDICAP (CLASS A).

Second Round:—H. W. Slade scratched to H. Pinckney; W. J. Newland beat C. E. H. Beavis; L. Murphy beat J. H. Swan; R. Hancock beat J. E. Wood; A. Boyd beat G. N. Orme; E. G. Barret scratched to P. R. Wolff; E. Deacon beat A. B. Rouse; E. Humphreys beat H. Hancock; E. R. Halifax beat R. E. O. Bird; W. L. Martin beat A. G. M. Fletcher; H. Humphreys scratched to A. Humphreys.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Second Round:—A. Humphreys beat H. Humphreys; P. R. Wolff scratched to R. Hancock.

SINGLES HANDICAP (CLASS B).

First Round:—C. Humphreys scratched to W. E. Craig; R. B. Beattie beat A. O. Brown; W. King beat L. A. Musso; L. E. Dartnell beat F. W. Goldring; G. Grimble beat E. J. Mess; H. A. Seth scratched to F. P. P. Musso; C. T. Kaw scratched to R. Boggan; T. C. Gray beat G. Gittins; W. S. Allen beat H. W. Sayer; R. Birbeck beat A. Lourenco; R. Manning beat C. B. Buyers; S. A. Seth beat J. P. Jordan; P. R. Knyvett beat F. D. Bain; A. G. Ward beat B. A. Craig; P. H. Holyoak scratched to H. M. Bain; C. P. Chater beat E. B. Pye.

PROFESSIONAL PAIRS.

Second Round:—Grist and Beavis beat Wodehouse and Orme; R. Hancock and Slade beat Kirkpatrick and Miles, R.A.

V.R.C. CONCERT.

The Victoria Recreation Club gave an enjoyable "Smoker" in the gymnasium on Saturday evening. Mr. Arthur Chapman, chairman of the Club, conducted the proceedings, Mr. Harold Austen, the secretary, also being kept very busy. An Indian regimental band played selections during intervals, Mr. L. H. Branson mystified the company with some very clever tricks, billiard ball manipulations being exceptionally good. Mr. L. A. de Graga's rendering of "Galop de Concert," a banjo solo, was well received. Mr. R. H. Stephenson sang "Munver's Nurse" by Rhymes, which caused much laughter and an encore. A very good item on the programme was "Fantaisie Concertante," and an instrumental quartette by Messrs. Gonzales, Taxford, Miller, and E. Daneberg. Mr. P. W. Goldring sang "Love, could I only tell thee," and was greeted well. Mr. J. Davidson, who amused the company with several comic songs, was perhaps more appreciated than anyone else. Mr. H. A. Tozer also caused considerable merriment. Mr. N. S. Brown sang a rather unique "clanging" tune, "The Blacksmith." Messrs. Gonzales, Taxford, and E. Daneberg, this time as a trio, once more took up their instruments. Mr. L. A. de Graga played nicely "Simple Aven" a violin solo.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER.

The *Agea* from Manila: fine weather. The *Ichang* from Chinkiang: moderate to light N.E. winds and fine. The *Empire* from Manila: calm and moderate N.E. wind, light N.W. swell. Foggy latter part. The *Wuchang* from Cebu and Illoilo: light winds (N.E.) and fine throughout. The *Wongkoi* from Bangkok: rainy weather. The *Purvis* from Singapore: fine weather. The *Tsuran* from Shanghai: light variable winds and fine.

THE "SADO MABA."

The *Nippon Yusen Kaisha* s.s. *Sado Maru*, Capt. G. Anderson, arrived from Singapore in ballast yesterday.

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The *Rajahburi*, *Wongkoi*, and *Elizabeth* *Kirk*men have arrived from Bangkok with cargoes of rice for Messrs. Butterfield & Swire. The *China* has arrived from Saigon with a cargo of rice.

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Timekeeper.—J. R. Michael, Esq.

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Refreshment Room.—F. H. Lyon, Esq., R.N.

The Houkong Gymkhana Club held their first meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, commencing at 4 p.m. There were in all six races. At the outset the weather was wet and overcast, but later clear blue patches of sky showed between the murky clouds, things becoming more agreeable. The ground, in consequence of recent rains, was very heavy, times as a result being poor. The number of spectators was not great, many being kept away by the wet. Betting, in a small way, was carried on to one side of a refreshment room conducted by the King Edward Hotel. The pari-mutuel on Saturday only collected money for winners. While dividends were not startling they were all fairly substantial, especially when it is remembered that the capabilities of the various horses are generally known. On the arrival of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government the hand—that of the Sherwood Foresters, under Bandmaster Bradley—struck up the National Anthem. In the course of the afternoon they rendered the following programme:—

1. Two Step ..... "Anona" ..... Grey

2. Overture ..... "La Sirene" ..... Auber

3. Selection ..... "A Country Girl" ..... Monckton

4. Valse ..... "Sympathie" ..... Mezzetopo

5. Spanish Dance ..... "La Paloma" ..... Yradier

6. Spanish Dance ..... "Plantation Songs" ..... Chambers

7. Gavotte ..... "Imme Wieder" ..... Vanderwill

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9. Waltz ..... "Regimental March" ..... The Young May Moon.

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I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £3,000,000 0 0

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PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 637,500 0 0

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The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

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Agents, Hongkong, 19th June, 1903.

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## THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed

AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1903.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

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REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN &amp; CO.

Agents, Hongkong, 21st April, 1897.

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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Lyennun (Pak-sha-wan Battery) on the night of the 26th APRIL, 1904, in the section of the entrances to Junk Bay, at ranges from 600 to 2,000 yards, commencing about 7.15 p.m. and finishing about 9.30 p.m., if the range is clear.

If the weather is unfavourable, practice will not take place.

By Command,

A. M. THOMSON,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 19th April, 1904.

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## THE TRADE MARK ORDINANCE 1898.

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HERMANN MELCHERS, ADALBERT KORFF, ARMIN HAUFF, and CARL MICHELAU trading as MESSIEURS MELCHERS AND COMPANY of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants, have on the 2nd day of February, 1904, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of TRADE MARKS of the following TRADE MARK:

TRADE MARK

in the name of HERMANN MELCHERS, ADALBERT KORFF, ARMIN HAUFF, and CARL MICHELAU trading as MESSIEURS MELCHERS AND COMPANY, who claim to be the sole proprietors thereof.

The TRADE MARK has been used by the Applicants in respect of the following goods for upwards of 15 years.

(a) Cotton Yarn and Sewing Cotton not on spools or reels in Class 23.

(b) Sewing Cotton on spools or reels in Class 23.

Cotton piece goods of all kinds in Class 24.

Articles of clothing in Class 28.

The TRADE MARK is intended to be used by the Applicants forthwith in respect of the following goods:

Cutlery and edge tools in Class 12.

Goods manufactured from ivory bone or wood and also in respect of Cotton Umbrellas in Class 50.

Perfumery (including toilet articles preparations for the teeth and hair and perfumed soap) in Class 42.

Dated the 23rd day of February, 1904.

BEACON, LOOKER, &amp; DEACON,

Solicitors for the Applicants

10, Queen's Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong.

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## A PLAGUE VOLCANO.

## THE HORRORS OF HONGKONG.

BY SURGEON-GENERAL G. J. H. EVATT, M.D., C.B.

late Principal Medical Officer H.M. Troops

Hongkong and China.

At a time when the conditions under which Chinese working men live and carry on their employment are being considered, it may be interesting to describe the existing state of affairs in an English colony, and directly under the English flag. I maintain that there could not be found anywhere in the world, or under any Administration whatever, conditions so deplorable and so degrading to human existence as can be found in the crowded Chinese quarter of Victoria City, in that Colony.

Hongkong dates back to foundation in 1841, when on the termination of the first Chinese War, Hongkong was ceded to us.

The island is small, and rises abruptly from the sea, with very little if any level land at the foot of the high mountain that constitutes the island. When founded the streets were laid out on very narrow lines, and the houses were but a single story high. The splendid situation of Hongkong as a commercial centre gradually drew a very large Chinese population to the place, and there cannot be far short of 300,000 Chinese workers employed to-day in and about the city.

The narrow streets laid out for one-story houses are now lined by houses three, four, and five stories high, and densely packed together.

The population per acre exceeds that in any other part of the world I have ever seen or heard of, and the most crowded London slum may be considered an "open space" by comparison.

The houses have no yards or gardens whatever, but rise directly from the street, without any enclosure. Latrine accommodation is non-existent, and the vilest filth is kept stored in the overcrowded zones of the houses—often quite close to the wretched kitchens of the tenement floors.

Human imagination fails to conceive the overcrowding and the filth of the conditions under which the Chinese workers dwell.

The rooms are constantly quite dark on their inner portions, needing lamp light; and as the houses are built brick to brick an cannot circulate through the rooms. Cubicles with partitions are everywhere found, noiseless beyond conception, and if the ceiling is at all high, a second range of beds is placed on a kind of mezzanine floor to increase the accommodation.

I have visited much of the East—India, Persia, Turkey, and other parts of China territory under Chinese administration—but I have never at any time or any place seen anything to compare for downright degradation of human life equal to that to which the splendid Chinese workman is exposed under Colonial Office rule in Hongkong city. I say Colonial Office rule, for Hongkong is a Crown Colony of the strictest kind, and the whole administration is in the hands of paid officials of the Colonial service.

The climate of Hongkong, is also a very serious factor when linked with the foregoing conditions. From April to November a most exhausting damp heat prevails, and not a breath of air of the monsoon strikes the place as the high Peak Mountain acts as an effectual windbreak against penetration. I never served in a more enervating and exhausting climate.

As a result of this deplorable and degrading overcrowding, largely depending on a complete neglect of sanitary warnings, plague struck the place in 1894, and has now practically become annual and endemic. The plague apparently came down from the Yunnan Province, and passing through Canton found in the shameful slums of Hongkong a splendid breeding place. I have frequently visited Canton, under direct Chinese rule, and the sanitary state of that city, although far from ideal, is infinitely better than that in Hongkong. The Chinese workman is exposed under Colonial Office rule, for Hongkong is a Crown Colony of the strictest kind, and the whole administration is in the hands of paid officials of the Colonial service.

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to infect a new continent with its terribly destructive germ.

Knowing Canton, Shanghai, the Yangtze ports, Weihaiwei and Chifu, I would far rather see Weihaiwei made the depot of such a trade—if such a trade is at all to develop. I do not attach any blame whatever to the Chinese population for the conditions of Hongkong. They are powerless to help themselves, and I know personally that they resent them in the fullest way. They are fearfully fleeced for rent, and that rent is largely remitted to English capitalists living in England, and it is the local representatives of these absentees owners—an inert officialdom in the island—and the want of clear conception of duty in the English Colonial Office in London which marks Victoria City in Hongkong to-day the plague distribution centre of the world, and a standing menace to the human race.

When over and over again I climbed through those terrible tenement houses, and saw their horrible condition, and knew that any moment the soldiers of the garrison might be swept away by the seep of such conditions, I felt that if England only knew the facts she would never allow such conditions to continue. A most vigorous and virile Chinese race, full of energy, sobriety, splendid working power, and an intelligence capable of any development is under our retrospective eye in Hongkong, placed in shockingly degrading conditions. Whether those conditions be altered or not, I enter the strongest protest against any administrative decision making the unhealthy port of Hongkong the depot of plague supply to South Africa.

*Daily News.*

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 April 23, BATAVIA, German str., 1,104, Dempwolff, Mojt. 19th April.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.  
 April 23, CHINA, German str., 1,150, Krause, Saigon 18th April, Kicco.—B. A. TRADING CO.  
 April 23, ELISABETH RICHEMES, German str., 1,223, Goetho, Bangkok 16th April, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
 April 23, EMPIRE, British str., 4,500 P. T. Helm, Australia 30th March, General—GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.  
 April 23, GENERAL BAGEDANO, Chilian Train ship, 1,050, Luis Gomez, Singapore 13th April.  
 April 23, HANYANG, British str., from Canton.  
 April 23, ICHANG, British str., 1,228, W. Lloyd Jones, Chinkiang 14th April, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
 April 23, SUEYIA, German str., 4,150, W. v. Dohren, Shanghai 20th April, General—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.  
 April 23, TRIUMPH, German str., 673, A. Hansen, Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 22nd April, General, JENSEN & CO.  
 April 23, WONGKOK, German str., 1,115, W. Reiter, Bangkok 17th April, Rice and Wood.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
 April 24, HANGSANG, British str., 1,356, Wild, Shanghai 18th April and Swatow 23rd General—JARDINE, MATHISON & CO.  
 April 24, HOCHOW, British str., from Canton.  
 April 24, HUK, French steamer, 705, Godinot, Kwangchauwan 23rd April, General—A. R. MARTY.  
 April 24, PUNEA, British str., 2,127, Pearson, Singapore 18th April, General—JARDINE, MATHISON & CO.  
 April 24, RAJABURI, German str., 1,189, J. Wedig, Bangkok 16th April and Swatow 23rd, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
 April 24, SIMEON, British str., 3,737, R. E. Collins, Barry Dock 12th March, Coal—ORDER.  
 April 24, TAIWAN, British str., 1,130, H. Harder, Shanghai 20th April, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
 April 24, TROCAS, British str., 2,649, Phillips, Singapore 17th April, Bulk Oil.—ALY-HOLD, KARBERG & CO.  
 April 24, WUCHANG, British str., 801, E. Finlayson, Cobu and Ilobo 19th April, Sugar—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

## DEPARTURES.

23rd April.  
 BENGAL, British str., for Europe.  
 CHUBAN, British str., for Shanghai.  
 CLAVERNING, British str., for Portland.  
 ECLIPSE, British cruiser, for Weihsien.  
 KWANGSE, British str., for Shanghai.  
 LADIES, British str., for Saigon.  
 MATHILDE, German str., for Hoochow.  
 NANTHAN, British str., for Amoy.  
 OSCAR II, Norwegian str., for Kitchinotz.  
 PROGRESS, Norw. str., for Tousen.  
 TAISHAN, British str., for Hongay.  
 TAIYUAN, British str., for Australia.  
 THALES, British str., for Swatow.  
 YUNNAN, British str., for Amoy.  
 ZAFIRO, British str., for Manila.  
 24th April.  
 DEVAWONGSE, German str., for Bangkok.  
 FAUSANG, British str., for Hongay.  
 GLANG BEE, British str., for Amoy.  
 HANYANG, British str., for Shanghai.  
 HONGMOI, British str., for Amoy.  
 ONSANG, British str., for Saigon.  
 PROMETHEUS, British str., for Shanghai.  
 PETITJOV, Norw. str., for Tamsui.

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LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &	PALAWAN	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	About 27th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP (VIA SUEZ CANAL)...	BENALDER	Brit. str.	McIntosh	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 7th May.
LONDON & ANTWERP...	ANTENOB	Brit. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	10th May.
LONDON & ANTWERP...	ALCINUS	Brit. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	21st May.
LONDON & ANTWERP...	PROMETHEUS	Brit. str.	R. Girard	MESSENGERIES MARITIMES	7th June.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALE...	FRENCH	Ger. str.	...	MELCHERS & CO.	3rd May, at 1 P.M.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	DOLREN	Ger. str.	...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
HAVRE & HAMBURG...	DORLEN	Ger. str.	...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	12th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG...	GROMMEYER	Ger. str.	...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th May.
HAVRE & BREMEN & HAMBURG...	MARBURG	Ger. str.	...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	31st May.
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HAVRE & HAMBURG...	FERDINAND	Ger. str.	...	SANDEE, WIELER & CO.	20th May.
TRISTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	14th June.
DEUCALION...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About early May.
SHIMOSA...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	27th inst.
ATHENIAN...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	11th May.
E. OF JAPAN...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	17th May.
CALCHAS...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	21st May.
TSINIAN...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	9th May.
EMPER...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 2nd May.
PEBA...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	P. & O. S. N. CO.	To-day.
SHAOSHING...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	To-morrow.
WHAMPOA...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	To-day, P.M.
CHENAN...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
DAYER...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	H. Formes	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	27th inst., 10 A.M.
TRIUMPH...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	1st May, 10 A.M.
TAMSUI...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	T. Brant	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	8th May, 10 A.M.
PRITHJOF...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	4th May, 10 A.M.
TRITOS...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	H. Kraft	Douglas LAPRAK & CO.	To-morrow, 10 A.M.
HAIICHING...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	Hodgins	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	30th inst., 10 A.M.
SUNGKIAN...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	...	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	About 3rd May.
RUBI...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	7th May, 10 A.M.
SHAWMUT...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	W. M. Smith	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	11th May, at Noon.
ZAFIRO...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	28th inst.
EMPIRE...	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	Holms	H. C. TRADING CO.	Quick despatch.
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SHEWAN, TOME & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1904.

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Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTE, BLACK SEA and BALTIQUE PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.  
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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
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## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
Glasgow and Liverpool	"DEUCALION"	On 1st May.
Glasgow and Liverpool	"ULYSES"	On 7th May.
Glasgow and Liverpool	"TEENKAI"	On 13th May.
Glasgow and Liverpool	"CALCHAS"	On 15th May.
Glasgow and Liverpool	"DARDANUS"	On 21st May.
Glasgow and Liverpool	"YAN TSZE"	On 25th May.
Glasgow and Liverpool	"DIOMEA"	On 3rd June.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 25th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 10th May.
GENOA, MARESOLLES and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 20th May.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"A' CINOUS"	On 24th May.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"PROMETHEUS"	On 7th June.
GENOA, MARESOLLES and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 14th June.

\* Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

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The s.s. "ANHUI" left Port Darwin on the 30th March, for Manila and Hongkong. For Freight, apply to—		

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.  
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	* "CHENAN"	On 25th April, P.M.
SHANGHAI	* "SHAOSHING"	On 25th April.
SHANGHAI	* "WHAMPOA"	On 26th April.
MANILA	* "SUNGKUANG"	On 27th April.
CEBU and ILOILO	* "WUCHANG"	On 28th April.

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY  
ISLAND, COOTKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, \* "TSINAN". . . . . On 9th May.  
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE . . . . .

\* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these  
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Hongkong, 25th April, 1904.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, PALAWAN	{ J. D. Andrews, E.N.R.	About 27th April	Freight and Passage.
COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES			
YOKOHAMA, via SHANG- HAI, MOJI, KOBE . . . . .	{ A. L. Valentini	About 2nd May	Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1904.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP  
(VIA SUEZ CANAL).THE Steamer  
"BENALDER,"  
Captain McIntosh, will be despatched as above  
on or about the 7th May.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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Hongkong, 15th April, 1904.

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW  
YORK,  
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL  
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE  
PORTS).PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,  
1904. About  
"SHIMOSA" . . . . . early May.  
"SATSUMA" . . . . . 31st May.For Freight and further information, apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,  
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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904.

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THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS  
in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Lineare prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS  
OF LADING for all the principal ports in  
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General Agents for China and Japan

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

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NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor  
the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE  
for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or  
the Crew of the following Vessels during the  
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Standard Oil Co.LYNDHURST, British 4-m. barque, Parnell—  
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S.S. "WING CHAI,"

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DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week

days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion

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days, at 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class including cabin  
and servant, \$3. Return Ticket \$5.

2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.

On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class

Single Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return

Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on

board or at Macao Hotel \$5. On Sundays \$5

extra will be charged for each Cabin which has

accommodation for two or more Passengers.

Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok

Street.

The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every

Sunday, and takes only 3½ hours to reach Macao.

MING ON &amp; CO.,

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Hongkong 8th September, 1903.

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HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY

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THE Commissions Stamped

"PAUL BEAU."

Captain Frangon, leaves Hongkong for Canton

at 9 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and

THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the

following day, leaving Canton at 5 P.M., taking

passenger and cargo as usual.

The S.S. "CHARLES HARDOUIN,"

Captain Noel, leaves Hongkong on MON-

DAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at

the usual hour.

These two magnificent and up-to-date

steamers are lighted with Electricity.

The Saloon is under European Supervision.

First Class European . . . . . \$8.00

Second Class European . . . . . \$8.00

First Class Chinese . . . . . \$1.50

Second Class Chinese . . . . . 80

Deck . . . . . 30

The Company's Wharf is at the end of Queen

Street, Praya West.

For further particulars, apply to

J. LANDOLT, Agent.

The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1904.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

STEAMSHIP "POLYNESIEN,"  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s.  
Dover and Sidon, from Havre ex.s.s. Sidon,  
from Bordeaux ex.s.s. Ville de Constantine and  
Ville de Rochefort, in connection with above  
Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods  
with the exception of Opium, Treasure and  
Valuables, are being landed and stored at their  
risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at  
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless  
intimation is received from the Consignee before  
Noon, To-DAY, 18th inst., requesting it to be  
landed here.Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after  
Monday, the 25th April, at Noon, will be subject  
to rent and landing charges.All claims must be sent in to me on or before  
the 25th April, or they will not be recognised.All damaged packages will be examined on  
Monday, the 25th April, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1904.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer  
"BANCA."FROM BOMEAY AND STRAITS.  
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.Optional cargo will be forwarded unless  
intimation is received from the Consignee before  
Noon, To-DAY, 18th inst., requesting it to be  
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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dabu and the Tians-Siberian Railway is discontinued.  
The *Bayer*, with the German mail, left Singapore on Friday, the 22nd inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m.  
The *Coptic*, with the American mail, left Yokohama on Friday, the 22nd inst., via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd prox.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton		Monday, 25th, 7.30 A.M.
Hoihow, Singapore and Bangkok		Monday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao		Monday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai		Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Moji		Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai		Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Canton		Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Nantao		Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Saboo		Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Macao		Monday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Tuesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta		Tuesday, 26th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai		Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila		Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon		Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.)		Wednesday, 27th, 10.00 A.M.
Athenien		Wednesday, 27th, 10.45 A.M.

EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin .....  
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M.) Extra  
Postage 10 cents.)  
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes  
in time for the first clearance will be  
included in this contract mail.)

Manila .....  
Cebu and Ililo .....  
Manila .....  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA,  
HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO .....  
(Supplementary mail on board up to the  
time fixed for departure of the mail.  
Extra Postage 10 cents)

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Manila .....  
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,  
Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and  
Melbourne

TO-MORROW:  
Extraordinary General Meeting of Kowloon  
Land and Building Co., Ltd., noon.  
Sale, Household Furniture, 3, Canton Villas,  
Kowloon, Mr. Geo. P. Lammett, 2.30 p.m.  
Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms,  
Mr. Geo. P. Lammett, 2.30 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

23rd April.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/91
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/91
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/91
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/91
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/91
ON PARIS.—	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/10
	Bank Bills, on demand	2/25
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/24
ON GERMANY.—	On demand	1/83
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	4/3
	Credits, 60 days' sight	4/4
ON ENGLAND.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/33
	Bank, on demand	1/33
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/33
	Bank, on demand	1/33
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	7/2
	Private, 30 days' sight	7/3
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	8/8
ON MANILA.—	On demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	1/08
ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand	2/10 p.m.
ON SALOON.—	On demand	2/10 p.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	6/5
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	11.05	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine per tael	58.50	
BAR SILVER, per oz.	2/51	

## OPIUM.

23rd April.

Quotations are—	Allow'ce net to least	1/91
Malta New	\$1000 to \$1020 per picul	
Malta Old	\$1060 to \$1080	
Malta Older	\$1120 to \$1140	
Malta V. Old	\$1180 to \$1200	
Persian fine quality	\$200 to —	
Persian extra fine	\$10 to —	
Fatua New	\$1342 to — per chest	
Fatua Old	\$1352 to —	
Banares New	\$1342 to —	
Banares Old	\$1374 to —	

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Monday, a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayer* left Singapore on Friday, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Odenberg* left Aden on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 10th prox.

## THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Catherine Apear*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., p.m., and is due here on the 25th inst.

The Indo-China steamer *Nansing* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on the 4th prox.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Korea* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 15th inst.

The G. & O. steamer *Coptic*, from San Francisco, leaves Yokohama for this port via Kobe, &c., on the 22nd inst.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 13th inst., p.m., for Hong Kong via the usual ports of call.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The H.A.L. steamer *Strassburg*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 25th inst., at daylight.

The C. & M. steamer *Rubi* left Manila on the 23rd inst., at noon, and is due here on the 25th inst., at 4 p.m.

The Ben Line steamer *Beaufort*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 20th inst. for this port.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Telmacetus*, for London and Antwerp, is expected here from Shanghai on the 26th inst., at daylight.

## Ideal Milk



Enriched 20 per cent.  
with Cream.

Sterilized—Not Sweetened.  
A Perfect Substitute for Fresh  
Milk.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 22nd April.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS.
Bank—	\$517, 1 sellers	
Hongkong & Shanghai	125 £100 £64.	
Natl. Bank of China		
A. Shares	\$8 56, sales & buy.	
B. Shares	\$8 36, sales & buy.	
Four Shares	\$1 40	
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	\$1 45, sellers	
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10 40, nominal	
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$10 87, sellers	
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.	\$10 55	
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10 88, buyers	
China Sugar	\$100 912, buyers	
Cigar Companies—		
Alhambra	\$100 201	
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$10 10, buyers	
Cotton Mills—		
Evo	Tls. 50 Tls. 33, sellers	
International	Tls. 75 Tls. 25.	
Laon Kung Mow	Tls. 100 Tls. 32.	
Socheo	Tls. 500 Tls. 170.	
Hongkong	\$10 141, sellers	
Dairy Farm	\$8 18, buyers	
Greenfield & Co., Ltd.	\$25 97, sellers	
Great Island Compt.	\$10 224, buyers	
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10 140, buyers	
Hongkong Electric	\$10 13, buyers	
Hongkong Land Inv. Co., Ltd.	\$100 564, sellers	
Hongkong Waterboat Co., Ltd.	\$10 151, sellers	
Hongkong Hotel	\$100 312, sellers	
Hongkong Ice	\$100 215, sellers	
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$100 100	
Hongkong Rope	\$100 144, sellers	
H. & W. Dock	\$100 208, buyers	
Insurance—		
Castrol	\$100 185, buyers	
China Fire	\$100 231, buyers	
China Traders	\$100 691, buyers	
Hongkong Fire	\$100 220, buyers	
North China	\$100 76, sellers	
Union	\$100 620, buyers	
Yangtze	\$100 135, buyers	
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv. Co., Ltd.	\$100 148, buyers	
Humphreys E. A.	\$100 310, buyers	
West Point Building	\$100 227, buyers	
Shanghai Land	\$100 152, buyers	
Luzon Sugar	\$100 110, sellers	
Minerals—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250 500.	
Fumion	\$100 75, sellers	
Baubs	18/100 25, sellers	
New Amy Dock	\$100 324, sellers	
Powell, Ld.	\$100 391, buyers	
Steamship Coys.	\$100 221, sellers	
China and Manila	\$100 180, buyers	
Boules Steamship	\$100 229, buyers	
H. & C. Canton and M.	\$100 196, sellers	
Indo-China S. N.	\$100 196, sellers	
Ship Transport and Trading Co., Ltd.	\$100 263, 6d.	
Do. Preferences	\$100 28.	
Star Ferry	\$100 332, buyers	
S.C.F. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	\$100 52, buyers	
Co. Ltd. & H. Dyeing & Co., Ltd.	\$100 55.	
Tesra Financing Co., Ltd.	\$100 31, sellers	
United Asbestos	\$100 31, buyers	
Watkins, Ld.	\$100 321, buyers	
Watson & Co. A. S.	\$100 17, buyers	

VERNON &amp; SMYTH, Brokers

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 25th April to the 1st May.

HIGH WATER.

LOW WATER.

HONGKONG Mean Time.

Height.

HONGKONG Mean Time.

Height.

MON. 25

TUES. 26

WED. 27

THUR. 28

FRI. 29

SAT. 30